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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995,
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

 i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed _____

 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

 iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

 i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 05/07/2007 CNEGA1 00000022 09242191

 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:2101 395.00 OP

 iii. ☐ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

 iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

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 ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) \$60

 iii. ☐ Other: Information Disclosure Statement

b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee due, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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